

REMARKS

Please enter and consider the above amendments.

Claim 12 is amended as supported in claim 10 and at page 7, line 32-page 8, line 2.

Claim 13 is amended so that it depends on claim 12.

Claim 22 is supported at page 8, lines 1-2.

Claims 23 and 24 are supported at page 8, lines 21-23.

Claims 25 and 26 are based upon claim 5 and page 8, lines 24-33.

Claims 27-30 are supported at page 8, lines 24-33.

Claims 31 and 32 are supported at page 8, lines 21-33.

Claims 33 and 34 are based upon claim 5.

Claims 35-38 are supported at page 8, lines 24-33.

Claims 39-42 are based upon claim 7.

Claims 43-48 are supported at page 7, lines 25-30, page 13, lines 8-12, page 15, lines 10-14, page 16, lines 24-28, etc.

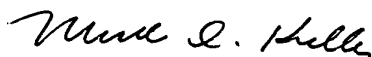
Claims 49-50 are supported at page 7, lines 25-30, and page 17, lines 12-15.

Claims 51-54 are supported at page 7, lines 27-28.

Entry and consideration are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In showing the changes, deleted material is shown as between brackets and with a line through it, and inserted material is shown underlined.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 12 and 13 are amended as follows:

12. (Amended.) The process of claim 1 wherein the process is carried out without annealing the drawn filaments before crimping and the staple fibers have a tenacity of at least 3.5 grams/denier (3.1 cN/dtex).

13. (Amended.) A polytrimethylene terephthalate staple fiber of 0.8-3 denier per filament having a length of about 0.2-6 inches (about 0.5 – about 15 cm), a tenacity of 3.5 grams/denier (3.1 cN/dtex) or more and a crimp take-up of 10-60%, containing 8-30 crimps per inch (about 3 – about 12 crimps/cm), prepared by the process of claim [43] 12.

New claims 22-54 are added.